



## Roger K. Helms

January 25, 1952 - September 14, 2021

Roger K. Helms, 69, of Fayetteville, TN and formerly of Bluffton, IN passed away on Tuesday morning, September 14, 2021 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, IN.

Roger was born on January 25, 1952 in Bluffton to Harry A. and Hilda W. (Harness) Helms. Roger was drafted for the Vietnam Conflict in the Army and served as a Persian Missile Specialist stationed in Germany. Later, he served in the Air National Guard as a Fuels System Specialist at Fort Wayne ANG. Survivors include two sons; Roger K. (Andrea M.) Helms II of Warren and Denver Allen Helms of Fort Wayne, seven grandchildren; Jessica Snider, Brittney Helms, Caleb Helms, Ian Helms, Jesse (Ashley) Summers, Tara Summers, Alyssa Summers, and twelve great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Kenneth Helms of TN.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a great-granddaughter Faithlyn Helms, and a brother Douglas Helms.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00am on Saturday (September 18, 2021) at the Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center officiated by Rev. Douglas McClure. There will be an hour of visiting prior to the Service also at the Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to Roger's family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Mossburg Cemetery

1300S 550W  
Liberty Center, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mossburg Cemetery  
1300S 550W  
Liberty Center, IN

## Graveside Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger K. Helms*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Roger Helms II** - September 17, 2021 at 09:04 PM

AH

“ Big Roger had a bit of a hard outer shell, but with a super sweet and soft inner layer! First time I met Big Roger, he just stared me down. Second time, he asked me a couple questions. The third time, we just talked and talked and talked!

Years Later:

Me: There's my favorite father-in-law!

Big Roger: I'm your ONLY father-in-law!

Me: That is beside the point!

Big Roger: Your my favorite daughter-in-law!

Little Roger: Don't swell her head, Dad, she's your ONLY daughter-in-law

Big Roger: That doesn't matter!

Roger donated candy & supplies to my 6th science class each year, he said he felt it was important to help teachers teach in ways students could enjoy and learn from, other than just lectures. We sat and talked through a hydroponics systems, how we could make it work in class and of course it couldn't be a kit, it needed to be customized! He hates snakes but he went with Roger & I to go buy a snake for my class and he even held it!

One afternoon I was watching four of our grands outside in a baby pool, they were all under 4 and I had to go to the bathroom. He came outside and I asked if he could watch them for a few minutes. He said, "What do I do with them?" Just keep them alive, that's all! "Ok, I can do that, but hurry!" I came back and he sat with me the rest of the day, because keeping four crumb munchers was two much for just one person and what will I do if I have to go to the bathroom, again!

I loved talking to him about relationships, behaviors, life experiences, & food. I'm pretty sure he came north when he had a craving for my liver & onions. His last home cooked meal was liver & onions with mushrooms, mashed potatoes, green beans, & carrot cake!

*He was a great Euchre partner, the last time we played, the cards were in our favor! We just threw cards out and somehow they just worked against Little Roger and Mike. We were all having a great time playing Euchre, but watching Big Roger laugh and truly enjoy himself after being isolated for so long from Covid was the best part!*

*Big Roger wasn't just my favorite father-in-law, he was my trusted friend!*

*Favorite Daughter-in-Law,  
Andi M. Helms*

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**Andi Helms** - September 17, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger K. Helms.*



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September 17, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *Allen Helms purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Roger K. Helms.*



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**Allen Helms** - September 16, 2021 at 09:38 PM

KH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ken Helms** - September 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Ken** - September 16, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**ken** - September 16, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers and sympathy are with Roger's family in your time of grief.*

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**Ron Uptgraft** - September 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM

AH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Allen Helms** - September 16, 2021 at 12:03 PM

AH

“ *Dad was my life coach, friend, and mentor. He was the hardest working man I ever knew, and he taught me the value of integrity. There will never be another person like him in my lifetime, and I will miss him.*

*It's not goodbye, but see you later dad. RIH*

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**Allen Helms** - September 16, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Roger K. Helms.*



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September 16, 2021 at 08:24 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jessica Snider** - September 14, 2021 at 10:58 PM

GP

*We are so grateful to have gotten to know Roger. It was a fun time in Florida with him, Andi, Harmony and Melody in April 2019. There were also some family times with Roger in Indiana, too. Roger will be fondly remembered and missed. Praying for the family.*

🙏❤️🙏 Glenn & Kathy

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**Glenn and Kathy Prater** - September 15, 2021 at 12:42 PM

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*I'm pretty sure the hippopotamus was the favorite part, lol!*

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**Andi Helms** - September 17, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JN

“ *My heart and prayers are with you all.  
Sending my love to you all during this difficult time.*



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**Jamie Ness** - September 14, 2021 at 10:01 PM

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*Thank you Jamie.*

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**Allen Helms** - September 16, 2021 at 11:42 AM